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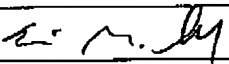
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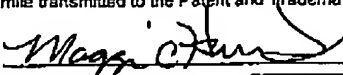
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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER M.P.E.P. § 713.04**

1. In reply to the Interview Summary, Paper No. 9/7/05, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 14-Sep-05, for which the period of response expires on 14-Oct-05, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response.
2. Applicants thank the Examiner for participating in a telephone interview with Applicants' representatives, Robert J. Tosti and Brian M. Gaff, held on 7-Sep-05.
3. Applicants filed a reply to the last Office Action on 15-Sep-05.
4. Applicants' reply to the last Office Action did include a statement of the substance of the 7-Sep-05 interview. Nevertheless, Applicants submit this Response under M.P.E.P. § 713.04 to augment the recordation of the substance of the interview provided in the Interview Summary dated 14-Sep-05 and received after submission of the reply to the last Office Action.
5. During the interview, Applicants' representatives discussed the following:
  - Pending independent claims 10, 19, and 25.
  - Cited reference Devonec et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,876,417).

6. As detailed in Applicants' reply to the last Office Action, the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner related to the failure of the Devonec et al. reference to disclose at least the following claimed attributes:

- a member fastened to the proximal end and slip fit into the distal terminating end; and
- a connecting segment comprising an elongated body member that includes a proximal end releasably joined to the distal terminating end.

7. A general result of the telephonic interview was that agreement was not reached, but Examiner Pelligrino indicated that Applicants should submit their position in writing in detail for further consideration. Applicants' reply to the last Office Action provides the requested detail.

8. No fee is included with this submission, since Applicants believe none is required. Nevertheless, should any fee be required for this submission to be considered, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 04-1105.

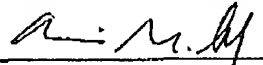
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